

## House Resolution 2172

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Latinos in Information Science and Technology Association and recognizing  
2 April, 2010, as LISTA Hispanic Empowerment Month at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Hispanic students are the fastest growing student group in this nation's schools,  
5 exceeding 20 percent of total public school enrollment and rising rapidly; and

6 WHEREAS, Hispanics are significantly under represented among college students and  
7 college graduates, with Hispanic students graduating high school at a 23 percent lower rate  
8 than the national average and only 35 percent of Latinos earning high enough standardized  
9 test scores to qualify them for college; and

10 WHEREAS, Latinos in Information Science and Technology Association (LISTA) is a  
11 national organization that works to strengthen the quality and competitiveness of the nation's  
12 technology workforce by improving preparation, access, and advancement of Hispanics; and

13 WHEREAS, LISTA has regional chapters that bring together information sciences and  
14 technology professionals and major national corporations to increase awareness of the  
15 importance of preparing Hispanic students for careers in information sciences and  
16 technology; and

17 WHEREAS, LISTA's Atlanta Center for Excellence in Information Sciences and Technology  
18 provides community access to professional courses and workshops that demystify technology  
19 and teach internet and networking technology basics to participants; and

20 WHEREAS, on April 28, 2010, LISTA will hold its second annual Tech Latino Luncheon  
21 Series at the Loudermilk Center in Atlanta, Georgia, providing a forum for Hispanics in  
22 information science, technology, and telecommunications industries; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
24 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
25 recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend the effective service of the Latinos in Information  
28 Science and Technology Association to Georgia's Hispanic citizens and recognize April,  
29 2010, as LISTA Hispanic Empowerment Month at the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Latinos in Information  
32 Science and Technology Association.